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Chief Executive Officer

## FEASIBILITY OF USING ELECTRONIC TRANSFERS TO EXPEDITE THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES TO THE COUNTY

On February 17, 2009, on the motion by Supervisor Ridley-Thomas, the Chief Executive Office and the Treasurer and Tax Collector was directed to explore the feasibility of using electronic transfers in order to expedite transfer of funds from State and Federal agencies to the County.

The County currently receives State and Federal funds through the most efficient manner possible. Funds are received either by electronic fund transfers or through the County's Sacramento Lockbox. The Sacramento Lockbox is managed under a contract with Bank of America (Bank). The Bank picks up the checks from the State Controller's Office in Sacramento and gives the County same-day credit.

Federal funds are either received as pass-through payments with State payments (i.e., Department of Social Services) or received by electronic fund transfers (i.e., Automated Clearing House (ACH) credits). Over 20 years ago, the Federal government moved the payment process to an electronic payment format requiring County departments to register the County's bank information with a central clearing house for ACH payments and reimbursements.

If you have any questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Ellen Sandt at (213) 974-1186 or <a href="mailto:esandt@ceo.lacounty.gov">esandt@ceo.lacounty.gov</a>.

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